



April 3, 2017

Dear Families,

Thank you for giving your feedback recently to the Attendance Areas Pre-K 12 Standing Committee regarding the proposal to change part of Cordata Elementary School's attendance area to Alderwood, Parkview and Northern Heights elementary schools.

The committee reviewed all of the feedback after the family input meeting on March 9, 2017 and from the survey. They have since met to further discuss and consider the feedback before submitting the recommendation to me. I have thoroughly reviewed the recommendation and appreciate the committee's work.

We are fortunate because for the most part, our students and families love their schools and don't want to make a change. I can certainly understand that and we don't take these decisions lightly. In our past experience, once families make the transition with strong support, most students and families quickly become attached to their new school as well.

I have decided to accept the committee's recommendation. This attendance area adjustment begins to address some of the enrollment issues we're experiencing due to the growth in north Bellingham.

**This letter confirms that you are now living in the Alderwood, Parkview or Northern Heights elementary school attendance areas. Please see the enclosed map to determine your new school beginning this August 2017.** We understand some families within walking distance of Cordata may wish to submit a transfer request to remain at Cordata. Families may submit this request to Cordata using this form ([bellingshamschools.org/transfer-form](http://bellingshamschools.org/transfer-form)) by Friday, April 14. We anticipate only approving a very small number of requests, if any, based on special circumstances and space at the requested grade level.

Your new elementary school principal and staff are excited to welcome new students and support them in making a smooth and successful transition. Please watch for a welcome letter from your new school.

If you have questions about your address and proposed attendance area, please contact us at (360) 676-6512.

Sincerely,

Greg Baker  
Superintendent